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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

IAEA: SOUTH AFRICA NOT REJECTED

1. IAEA: SOUTH AFRICA NOT REJECECTED

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE IAEA ON SEPTEMBER 28 APPROVED

CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP OF SOUTH AFRICA UNTIL AT LEAST JUNE

1977. ACCEPTED WITHOUT VOTE OR DEBATE WERE:

--A STATEMENT THAT THE MAJORITY OF DELEGATES CONDEMNED
THE POLICY OF APARTHEID; AND

--A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO
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SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE NEXT GENERAL COMMITTEE

SESSION ON THE DESIRABILITY OF HAVING AS A MEMBER OF THE IAEA AFRICAN AREA A GOVERNMENT PRACTICING APARTHEID.

USDEL IAEA REPORTS THAT THE AFRICAN BLOC ALSO AGREED NOT TO CHALLENGE SAG CREDENTIALS AT THE NEXT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING. (CONFIDENTIAL) RIO DE JANEIRO 3670, 9/28.

2. TURKEY: THY SHALT NOT ACCEPT FALSE CONTRIBUTIONS...

AN ANKARA NEWSPAPER REPORTED ON SEPTEMBER 28 THAT THE TURKISH MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAS DISCOVERED IRREGULARITIES IN THE PURCHASE OF BOEING 727S BY THE TURKISH AIRLINE, THY. IT IS ALLEGED THAT THY PURCHASED THE AIRCRAFT WITHOUT PROPER BIDS AND DESPITE AN EARLIER THY STATEMENT THAT THEY WERE NOT SUITED TO ITS NEEDS. THE DISPOSITION OF SOME \$1 MILLION IN CONTRIBUTIONS BY BOEING TO THY IS NOT CLEAR. (UNCLASSIFIED) ANKARA 7409, 9/28.

3. GREECE: A PARTY FOR THE KING

ON SEPTEMBER 25 THE FORMATION OF THE MONARCHIST GREEK NATIONAL POPULAR PARTY (NPP) WAS ANNOUNCED. WHILE APPEALING SPECIFICALLY FOR THE RETURN OF THE MONARCHY, THE NPP IS ALSO ANGLING FOR SUPPORT FROM OTHER RIGHTISTS INCLUDING SUPPORTERS OF THE FORMER JUNTA.

EMBASSY ATHENS COMMENT: ALL AVAILABLE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT THE GREEKS WOULD NOT VOTE THE KING BACK IN A PLEBISCITE. ALTHOUGH THE NPP IS UNLIKELY TO ATTRACT SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT, THE ISSUE OF THE MONARCHY REMAINS A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF BITTER DIVISION AMONG GREEKS. SINCE THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC EFFORT BY RIGHTISTS TO LINK MONARCHISTS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE FORMER MILITARY GOVERNMENT, THE NPP BEARS CLOSE WATCHING. (CONFIDENTIAL) ATHENS 10400, 9/28.

4. ISRAEL: A NEW YEAR'S ASSESSMENT

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IN HIS ROSH HASHANAH ASSESSMENT OF THE YEAR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THE FUTURE'S CHALLENGES, PRIME MINISTER RABIN SAID THAT, DESPITE ENCOURAGING CHANGES IN THE MIDDLE EAST SCENE, THERE WILL BE CONTINUING DIFFICULTIES AND PREDICTED THAT THE COMING YEAR IS MORE LIKELY TO SEE THE TERMINATION OF THE STATE OF WAR THAN A MOVE FROM WAR TO A REAL PEACE. IN HIS INTERVIEWS RABIN:

--SAID HE WOULD SIGN IMMEDIATELY ANY AGREEMENT WHICH PROMISED FOR THE FUTURE THE SAME KIND OF SUPPORT THE US IS PROVIDING TODAY;

--CITED THE IRONIC TENDENCY OF ISRAELIS TO INSIST ON EVER-INCREASING AMERICAN SUPPORT AND THEN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT BEING OVERDEPENDENT ON THAT SUPPORT;

--SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN OVERALL PEACE SETTLEMENT, AND IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, IS PREPARED TO ATTEMPT TO END THE STATE OF WAR AND WILL PURSUE ANY PROSPECT FOR PROGRESS WITHOUT REFERENCE TO PENDING ELECTIONS; AND

--CLAIMED THAT THE US UNDERSTANDS THAT WITHOUT AGREEMENT FROM ISRAEL THERE WILL BE NO DRILLING ACROSS THE DISPUTED GULF OF SUEZ LINE. (UNCLASSIFIED) TEL AVIV 6663, 9/28.

5. EGYPT: SADAT SPEAKS OUT

EMBASSY CAIRO DESCRIBES PRESIDENT SADAT'S SPEECH ON SEPTEMBER 28, THE ANNIVERSARY OF NASSER'S DEATH, AS WARNING THAT:

--THE EXTREME RIGHT AND LEFT ARE SEEKING TO STIR UP RANCOR AGAINST THE GOE BY MAKING FALSE ALLEGATIONS.

--TRIPOLI, DAMASCUS, AND MOSCOW ARE FANNING THE FLAMES KINDLED BY HYPOCRITICAL NASSERISTS.

SADAT WENT ON TO SAY THAT QADHAFI WILL BE PUNISHED AND
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BITTERLY SCORED THE PRAVDA ARTICLE SUPPORTING QADHAFI. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED A MAJOR MILITARY OFFENSIVE IN LEBANON BY SYRIA, WHICH HE FELT WOULD NOT ESCAPE "THE PUNISHMENT OF HISTORY." (CONFIDENTIAL) CAIRO 13087, 9/28. ROBINSON

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